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French develop neutron bomb

PARIS, April 17 (R). — France is working on plans to develop and build a neutron bomb. French officials said today. But scientists engaged on the project have still not fully mastered the technological problems, and a decision on whether or not to produce the controversial bomb is still a long way off, they said. The Defence Ministry refused to comment when asked about a press report which said the problem of "miniaturisation" of the weapon had been overcome and a device successfully tested. "We are constantly testing nuclear devices, and are not going to make any comment about them," an official said.

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Kuwaiti emir sends message to the King

AMMAN, April 17 (JNA). — The King Hussein received a message from the Emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, who delivered a message of solidarity and support for the current Arab situation. The message was signed by the Emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, who delivered a message of solidarity and support for the current Arab situation. The message was signed by the Emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, who delivered a message of solidarity and support for the current Arab situation.

Rhodesia talks are getting nowhere

SBURRY, April 17 (R). — American and British foreign secretaries ran into a wall of opposition today when they tried to persuade Rhodesian multi-racial government to attend an all-party conference including guerrillas.

Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and British Foreign Secretary David Owen were joined by all four government ministers at the internal security meeting which lasted six weeks.

The meeting was the best hope for a peaceful transition to black rule, American and British officials said.

Prime Minister Ian Smith told reporters afterwards that the Executive Council would "mature, good consideration to the proposals and would issue a statement once it came to a decision."

Asked if the British and American envoys had been able to convince the Executive Council of the benefit of an all-party conference, he replied: "I doubt it."

Thousands of singing and dancing black demonstrators staged against the Anglo-American initiative when the British and American envoys arrived in Salisbury on Monday.

Mr. Smith said the discussions which lasted more than two hours, had been constructive. The British and American envoys called them useful.

They could be further discussed but he would not pre-empt when or whether the all-party conference with guerrillas would take place.

Participants in today's talks began the discussions, but they were very slow and were rarely unproductive. From the tone of the exchanges, the participants said, the Rhodesian leaders clearly were not interested in attending an all-party conference.

Mr. Smith, Bishop Abel Muzila, the Rev. Ndabaningi Zikwe and Chief Jeremiah Chirwa defended the internal settlement and asked that the British give it serious consideration.

U.S.-Panama treaty in trouble

WASHINGTON, April 17 (R). — Senate leaders worked to smooth over a "fantasy of discontent" which ended in the defeat of the Panama Canal treaty, a major foreign policy blow to President Carter.

The treaty, which would transfer control of the canal to Panama in the year 2000, is scheduled for Senate debate on Friday. It has focused conservative opposition throughout the country.

Senate approval now hangs in the balance. A section of the treaty, which would allow the United States to remove militarily after the year 2000 if the canal is threatened by either outside forces or internal strife in Panama, is the sticking point.

Palestinians assure Waldheim on cooperation in S. Lebanon

BEIRUT, April 17 (R). — U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim secured further Palestinian assurances today that guerrillas will not hamper U.N. attempts to hasten a withdrawal of Israeli occupation forces from south Lebanon. Mr. Waldheim, who criticised the slow pace of the Israeli pull-back, told reporters that Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat had reaffirmed his forces would cooperate with U.N. peace-keeping troops in the battle-torn south.

The secretary general, speaking after a seven-hour visit to Beirut, did not say whether the Palestinians intended to move back into the area after an eventual Israeli evacuation.

The Israelis say they will not leave the territory they seized in a massive invasion last month until they are satisfied the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) can keep the Palestinian guerrillas out.

The U.N. chief discussed the situation with Lebanese President Elias Sarkis and government leaders, as well as Mr. Arafat, before leaving for talks with Israeli leaders in Jerusalem.

Mr. Waldheim told a press conference at Beirut airport: "I was told by them (the Palestinians) that they will continue to cooperate with U.N. forces in south Lebanon towards implementing the Security Council resolution in all its aspects."

Resolution 425, passed on March 19, called on the Israelis to withdraw forthwith and established the peace-keeping force to confirm the pull-back and restore security in the area.

Mr. Waldheim said the U.N. troops had been ordered to control all movements in the south, but he stopped short of saying they would actively prevent the return of armed guerrillas.

The secretary general also indicated it would be some time before Lebanese troops could move south to restore government authority — the ultimate goal of the Security Council resolution.

On his arrival, Mr. Waldheim criticised a two-stage Israeli withdrawal effected last week because the pull-back was only partial.

He said: "I wish to state that this is just a beginning, and it is not in accordance with our wishes (which are) to secure a complete withdrawal of Israeli forces in the area."

Only half of the projected 4,000-strong U.N. force has deployed so far, but Mr. Waldheim said today the remainder would arrive within two weeks.

He would ask the Security Council to increase the size of the force if that became necessary, he added.

Arrives in Israel
Mr. Waldheim flew to Tel Aviv in a U.N. executive jet tonight and was met by Lt. Gen. Ensi Silasvuo, co-ordinator of the U.N. forces in the Middle East, and Gen. Emmanuel Erskine, commander of the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon.

Replying to the welcome by Ephraim Evron, Director General of the Israeli Foreign Ministry, Mr. Waldheim said he had come to discuss implementation of Security Council Resolution 425, which calls for the Israeli withdrawal.

Mr. Waldheim, who will meet Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan in Jerusalem tomorrow, drove straight from the airport to Tel Aviv for talks with Defence Minister Ezer Weizman.

After his talks in Tel Aviv, Mr. Waldheim will go to south Lebanon to inspect U.N. troops there.

Palestinian doubts about withdrawal
On Sunday, a Palestinian leader said in an interview in Israel did not intend to pull out of south Lebanon and would use its occupation to delay the Middle East peace process.

Mr. Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the Political Department of the PLO, said Israel's plan for a partial withdrawal "is a clear indication of its desire not to leave south Lebanon. It is a clear expression of Israel's intention to stay in Lebanon and use its occupation of the south as a tool to delay the peace process in Lebanon and the Middle East," he told the Lebanese weekly magazine Monday Morning.

Mr. Kaddoumi said Palestinian commandos were duty-bound to fight the Israeli forces as long as they remained in any part of Lebanon.

Begin government issues new guidelines on meaning of 242
The opposition Labour Party issued a statement saying: "No playing with words can replace open policies. The government shift on 242 contributed to the stalling of peace talks and we must now have clear policies."

New chief of staff
Meanwhile, Israel's new military Chief of Staff, Lt. Gen. Raphael Eytan, took office Sunday, replacing Mordechai Gur.

The changeover took place at a brief ceremony in Prime Minister Menachem Begin's office.

Atherton to resume shuttling this week

CAIRO, April 17 (AP). — U.S. peace envoy Alfred Atherton will resume his Middle East shuttle diplomacy this week with visits to Cairo and occupied Jerusalem, a spokesman for the Egyptian Foreign Ministry announced today.

Mr. Atherton, who was recently named roving Middle East ambassador, was scheduled to arrive in Cairo Friday for talks with Egyptian officials and then to fly to Israel, the spokesman said.

He also said he did not know if Atherton would bring with him an American plan to break the current deadlock in the talks.

subsequently brought vehement protests from Panama.

To ensure acceptance of the second and more important treaty, Senate leaders must work out language that is acceptable to conservative American legislators and to Panama.

Senate Minority Leader Howard Baker predicted yesterday the treaty would be ratified.

"We have such a fantastic array of discontent on this thing that I don't know how we are going to treat with it finally ... but my guess is that in the final analysis it will finally settle down with a vote or two on the plus side," he said.

Earlier, Senate Majority Leader Robert Byrd also expressed optimism that the treaty would be approved.

New Consultative Council is established by decree

AMMAN, April 17 (JNA). — A royal decree was issued today approving the temporary law of the National Consultative Council.

The law stipulates the Council will consist of 60 members, both men and women, who must be Jordanians at least 30 years old, not simultaneously employed elsewhere and not convicted of any crime or misdemeanor. A member of the Council may not be a member of the Upper House of Parliament while serving in the Council.

Duties
The duties of the Council will include studying and discussing all draft laws and advising the Council of Ministers before it approves such laws. The members of the Council will also be entrusted with looking into all matters relating to public services and matters of state.

The law will give the members of the Council full freedom to ask ministers for explanations on any subject. They will also be free to speak their minds during sessions of the Council without being held responsible for anything they might say or opinions they may express.

According to the law, the Council will be formed every two years. The King will have the right to dissolve it at any time, relieve a person from membership of the Council or accept his or her resignation. It will automatically be dissolved when members of suspended parliament are elected and convene a session.

The Council will form committees for legal, financial and administrative, foreign, social and educational affairs and any other committees it deems necessary. A member cannot serve in two committees at the same time.

The officers of the Council will consist of the president and two deputies elected from its members during its first meeting. A minister cannot simultaneously be a member of the Council.

The president of the Council will decide on the subjects that will be discussed at Council sessions.

The members of the Council will be paid salaries decided on by the Council of Ministers, but a member cannot receive these allowances and a state pension.

The Council will organise its internal operating system within three months of its first session. Until it will act according to rules and procedures established by its members on condition these do not contradict the temporary law.

Cabinet discussion
The Cabinet held an emergency session Sunday during which it debated the draft law for the National Consultative Council. The law was approved and sent to His Majesty King Hussein for endorsement and issuance by royal decree.

The King had sent a message to Premier Mudar Badran last Thursday in which he expressed the wish for setting up a National Consultative Council to express public opinion and give advice and debate the general policy of the state.

Premier's letter
Premier Badran sent an answer to King Hussein's message on Sunday.

In his message, Premier Badran said King Hussein's directives had always stressed that promotion of consultation and democratic principles have been sought by Jordan ever since it was established.

Premier Badran recalled that pressing circumstances had forced Jordan to suspend its parliament. In the name of his Cabinet, Premier Badran submitted provisions of the law to the King. He said the principles of consultation have always been aspired to by Jordan ever since it was established by the late King Abdullah, who laid down the foundation of government interaction with the people, and who made the Hashemite Jordanian throne a guarantee for stability and balance, and a sanctuary for the citizen in the face of the imbalance between the authority of the state and the rights of the citizen.

The prime minister indicated that although the Consultative Council is not a substitute for electoral parliamentary life, it will close a gap which he and his Cabinet members felt the impact of while they were carrying out both executive and legislative duties.

West Bank protests escalate
TEL AVIV, April 17 (R). — Scores of Palestinian high school students from the occupied West Bank towns of Nablus and Jenin were detained today following demonstrations against Israel's occupation of southern Lebanon, military sources here said.

In Nablus, shopkeepers closed for several hours, while in Jenin pupils left classes and marched through town shouting anti-Israeli slogans.

Israeli occupation forces, meanwhile, have detained 40 residents of the West Bank village of Talfit where five men yesterday set an Israeli bus on fire.

Military sources said the village was under curfew during the night while soldiers searched all houses.

It was the third time in six weeks that unidentified men — believed to be Palestinian guerrillas — have set fire to an Israeli bus.

Israeli soldiers' bus fire bombed
In Beirut, Palestinian commandos last night claimed responsibility for a fire bomb attack yesterday on a bus near Jerusalem.

The Palestine news agency, Wafa, said a commando unit operating inside Israel attacked a bus carrying Israeli soldiers near Kalandia, north of Jerusalem, with fire bombs. The bus caught fire and an unknown number of Israeli soldiers inside it were injured, Wafa added.

It said the commandos withdrew safely to their base.

Israeli police said at least four soldiers were injured when a fire bomb was thrown at a bus near Jerusalem.

2 new Jewish settlements in West Bank

TEL AVIV, April 17 (AP). — Tractors have begun breaking ground for a new Jewish settlement in the occupied West Bank after five-week freeze on construction of the controversial outpost, the settlers reported today.

A spokesman of the Gush Emunim movement, chief advocate of widespread Jewish settlement in the West Bank, said tractors were clearing ground at Nebi Salah, 16 miles northwest of Jerusalem, with government approval. Government spokesmen were not available for comment.

The daily Maariv said ten hectares had been seized by administrative order for the settlement, which would house 40 families.

The Gush Emunim spokesman also invited reporters to attend the opening Tuesday of another settlement, Karmel Shomron, near Nebi Salah. Karmel Shomron has been under construction for several months.

More to come
Israeli Deputy Defence Minister Mordechai Zipori said today meanwhile that more Jewish settlements would be established in the West Bank with government support.

"We have made clear to the Americans, and are clarifying this to Egypt, that in Judea and Samaria (the West Bank) there is absolutely no argument about our continuing to settle there. This is part of the negotiations," Mr. Zipori said.

Mr. Zipori, who was speaking to high school students in Kiryat Gat, southern Israel, said Israel had stopped building settlements in the Sinai Desert to create a suitable atmosphere for peace negotiations with Egypt.

But, he said, Egypt was not a party to negotiations about the future of the West Bank or the formulation of Israeli policy on the Palestinians.

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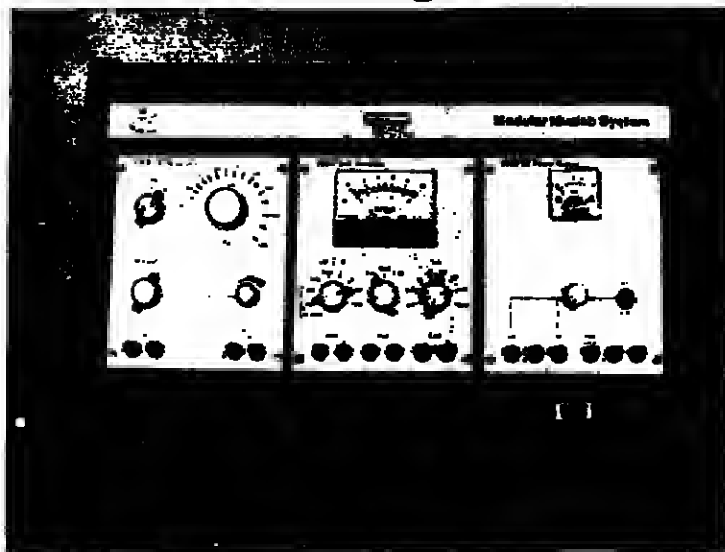
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RSS-designed teaching device



The Modular Minilab System.

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 Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, April 17 — The Modular Minilab System, a joint educational project by the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) and the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), has come to fruition.

The highly adaptable system, designed for the instruction of students in basic electric and electronic circuits with the specific needs of Jordanian and Arab students in mind, has been produced in prototype at the RSS Electronic Engineering Department. It has been about five months in the making.

The Jordan Times was told

that a request for help in designing the educational tool came from the Telecommunications Training Centre (TTC) where several experts from the International Telecommunications Union are working.

"The reason that we took this job is because we ourselves saw wider possibilities for the machine," said Too Foudriane, the director of the project at the RSS.

Dr. Awn Rifai, the head of the services section within the Electronics Engineering Department at the RSS, said that an advantage of the Minilab is that, "it can be tailor made".

Mr. Foudriane agreed saying, "what we are trying to actually do here is to make a machine

Minilab adapts to local needs



The Minilab is used in one of the hundreds of experiments its wide range offers. It provides at least a year's worth of training in electronic circuits.

to the specifications of customers, cheap and reliable."

Mr. Sadeq Takruri of the same department at the RSS said that the Minilab is designed to serve the needs of schools, training centres, and the polytechnic.

Pieter Klapwijk, ITU expert at the TTC explained that presently most communications technicians must be trained outside the country and any equipment that is used here is imported. One result of this is that neither the technician nor the equipment fit the specific needs of Jordan or the other Arab countries.

The locally designed machine can offer the local student a year's worth of training with hundreds of experiments from Ohm's law and Kirchhoff's laws to operational amplifier circuits and transistor circuits (basic and advanced).

The Minilab is also a highly adaptable system, as its name suggests. For instance, by replacing some modular equipment in the Minilab, it can serve as a more advanced educational tool, perhaps providing as much as another year's worth of experiments.

As Mr. Foudriane pointed out, two characteristic problems of the educational equipment used in Jordan are being circumvented with the locally designed Minilab: these are difficult servicing and the outflow of money for the purchase of the equipment. The Modular Minilab System is both simple and therefore easily repairable, and made in Jordan.

An added advantage is the low cost, although the components of the Minilab are imported. Those involved in the project are now hoping that an Arabic translation of the English course manual which accompanies the Minilab will soon be done by the RSS as well.

The manual together with the Minilab would be a highly marketable self-contained unit, explained Mr. Klapwijk, who

added that there are at present almost no materials whatsoever in Arabic for the training of electronics technicians.

Although an exact price for the Minilab and accompanying manual has not yet been set, there have been some enquiries already, said Mr. Foudriane. Those working on the project all seemed to be optimistic about its future.

Now that the prototype Modular Minilab System has been completely tested and proven, only the completion of the translation of the manual is needed before the system can be produced in quantity and begin to serve the needs of students in Jordan and the Arab countries.

King says Israel thwarts Mideast peace with explanations

AMMAN, April 17 (JNA). — His Majesty King Hussein told a visiting delegation from the U.S. National War College today that no Arab leader rejects peace if it involves a full Israeli withdrawal from Arab lands occupied since 1967 and allows the Palestinian people to exercise their right to self-determination.

He added that Israel is thwarting peace efforts by leading everyone into the labyrinth of explanations and counter-explanations of U.N. Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338.

"The principles contained in the resolutions are clear and should be implemented, not given different explanations," the King said.

He told the delegation that he had called for the convening of an Arab summit conference and worked out a programme of action that would foster Arab strength and re-establish relations between Arab countries "on a sound and practical basis."

Jordan, the King said, will continue its efforts to regroup and re-organise the Arab countries within a comprehensive plan.

Concerning the situation in the South of Lebanon, the King said that Israel's ambitions seem to be endless; and it is continually trying to expand at the expense of neighbouring Arab states, something which Jordan had drawn attention to well before 1967. This, he said, is clear indication that Israel is not interested in peace.

Turning to Jordan's relations with Syria the King said relations were very good and the two countries are continuously fostering coordination in various fields.

Adnan Hiseid, Director of the Research Department at the Central Bank and member of the delegation said, "The conference also urged developing countries to create a suitable atmosphere for foreign investment and recommended an increase of technical aid by industrialised nations to the developing countries."

U.S. war college team leaves

AMMAN, April 17 (JNA). — The delegation from the U.S. National War College left Amman today after a several-day visit to Jordan. During the visit delegation members met with His Majesty the King and Crown Prince Hassan. They also toured military institutions and touristic sites in the country.

Said Bino returns from road talks

AMMAN, April 17 (JNA). — Minister of Public Works Said Bino returned to Amman Sunday after attending a regional five-day conference of the World Union of Roads in Cairo. He said the conference was attended by nearly 500 road specialists from 25 Arab and African countries.

Cabinet approve delegation to visit Iran

AMMAN, April 17 (JNA). — The Cabinet approved Sunday the formation of a delegation from the Ministry of Health and Civil Defence Directorate to pay a ten-day visit to Iran for acquaintance with emergency medical service centres with a view of setting up similar centres in Jordan.

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The consultative council that His Majesty King Hussein has suggested be formed in Jordan has caught the imagination of many people, but there is one aspect of it that we think deserves greater attention that perhaps it shall get. This is the matter of full and true representation of the Jordanian family, which, we think, suggests the imperative of including a good number of women on the council. This may strike some people as unrealistic or unnecessary. But it is vitally important for the future wellbeing of this country that the effort to mobilise women and get them to play their full role in the socio-economic development of Jordan be carried out diligently and at all levels of life. One does not change the status and role and aspirations of girls and women overnight. But in seeking to give Jordanian women full and equal opportunities in the progress of their country, it is critically important for the young girls -- and the not-so-young girls -- to look around them and see women playing their role at the highest level of the affairs of state, in the economy, the social affairs sector, education, technologically oriented institutions and every other niche and corner of the country.

It is difficult to encourage young girls to aspire to be doctors and engineers and university professors if they look around them and see few or no women doctors and no women engineers and no women university professors. Similarly in the domain of public life, it will be equally difficult to open doors for talented young women if they see the institutions of the state staffed only by men. The fact is that if Jordanian women can fly airplanes and run nursing colleges and manage businesses, they can also play their fair role in the consultative council that is to be the living symbol of the Jordanian citizen's participatory responsibilities on the national level. One thinks the current effort to upgrade the participation of Jordanian women in the life of this country will be somehow jarred if women are left out of the most important political developments, such as the proposed consultative council. This is a chance to strike several simultaneous blows for our determination as a country to offer full dignity and equality of opportunity for all citizens. It is a lovely opportunity, and it should not be missed.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Jordan Times received a letter to the editor from seven of our young readers. The letter, reproduced below, is signed by Rahma El Hassan, Sara Kabarti, Lina Ararat, Fida Salibi, Tamar Tell, Dina Dawani and Nadine Shubailat.

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Dear Sir,

We have been very disappointed that the Jordan Times has not been on T.V. and this is the first time it has happened. We thought to write every one about it so we don't waste our time waiting.

Yours Faithfully,

Rahma El Hassan, Sara Kabarti, Lina Ararat, Fida Salibi, Tamar Tell, Dina Dawani, Nadine Shubailat

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Jordanian newspapers Moonday dealt with Premier Mudar Badran's reply Sunday, in the name of the government, to His Majesty King Hussein's message to draw up a provisional law setting up a National Consultative Council.

AL RAY notes that in his reply to the King's message Mr. Badran emphasised that during the absence of parliamentary life, the Jordanian citizen did not feel that democracy was not there, because, he said, King Hussein's injunctions had prompted all the people of this country to act in the spirit of democracy.

AL DUSTOUR maintains that democracy is an inherent tradition in Arab life. King Hussein, it adds, had drawn up a code for political behaviour on the basis of democratic institutions which he continued to nurture ever since he assumed his responsibilities as leader of the country.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Children's Books Exhibit

The third exhibition of children's books in open daily till Friday at the King Hussein Club on Jabal Amman.

Ceramics and Painting Exhibit

A joint exhibition of ceramics and paintings by four local artists opens today at the British Council, and continues daily to Friday 21st.

Film

The Goethe Institute is showing a film tonight at 8:00 p.m. entitled "Marie." The film is in German only.

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Despite world pique Japan achieves record \$20 b. trade surplus

TOKYO, April 17 (R). — Japan, already under intense international pressure over its economic successes, today announced a record visible trade surplus of \$20.57 billion for the fiscal year ended last month. This was almost double the \$11.15 billion surplus for fiscal 1976. The finance ministry also announced that the overall balance of payments surplus for the year reached a record \$12.13 billion, nearly four times the previous year's figure.

The record trade and payments surpluses were expected to give added ammunition to the United States and the European Common Market (EEC) to black their demands for Japan to cut its large imbalances.

The current account surplus, which includes invisible earnings and has been a major factor behind the yen's recent surge against the dollar in Tokyo, rose to a record \$14.13 billion, more than three times the 1976 figure.

But the huge surpluses were shrugged off by the Tokyo Foreign Exchange Market. Dealers said the figures had been anticipated.

The dollar, which fell to a record postwar level of 218 yen in Tokyo earlier this month, closed today at 220.25 yen, compared with a 218.90 opening.

The calm reaction on the foreign exchange market help-

ed prices on the Tokyo Stock Market to reach their highest level since the Second World War.

The stock market surge was led by export-orientated issues. The market average closed at 5,544.61 points, compared with the previous record of 5,527.90 established earlier this month.

Dealers said they expected a further rise because many investors were taking their cash out of banks and bonds, as a result of falling interest rates, to buy shares.

The current account surplus of \$14.13 billion covers visible trade and invisibles such as tourism, freight and insurance.

Japanese Premier Takeo Fukuda said recently he hoped that the current account surplus could be reduced drastically in fiscal 1978. He said this would be a major topic at his summit talks in Washington next month with President Carter.

Earlier this month, the Japanese government said in a joint communiqué with the EEC after talks here that it expected the current account surplus to fall by about one-third in fiscal 1978.

However, Finance Ministry officials today ruled out any possibility that exports would decline soon.

Egypt's Kaissouni reportedly resigns economic affairs post

CAIRO, April 17 (R). — Egypt's Deputy Premier for Economic Affairs, Abdul Munem Kaissouni, has submitted his resignation in a row over wage increases for civil servants, the rightwing newspaper Al Ahrar reported today.

It said he acted because the government had submitted to the People's Assembly (parliament) a draft bill on the subject without first consulting the Economic Affairs Committee which he heads.

There was no immediate official comment.

Al Ahrar, mouthpiece of the opposition Liberal Socialist Party, said Dr. Kaissouni believed the bill, still under discussion in the assembly, would place a further burden on the country's economy.

The report said it called for salary increases of between eight and 30 per cent.

Al Ahrar did not say whether the resignation had been

accepted and added that Dr. Kaissouni had left for the United States for a medical check-up.

Threatened birds



The drying up of marsh and damp areas, the building of suburban housing and industrial estates and unimpeded pollution of the environment have been the bane of animal life in West Germany over the past few years. Numerous species of birds are on the verge of extinction. Prehensile birds and owls are particularly in danger. They kill pests such as rats and mice and play an important regulatory part in the ecological balance. However, they have in many cases been driven out of their natural habitats as a result of the processes described above. It is essential that the number of these birds should be increased. The two young barn owls in the picture, nearly full grown and fully fledged, have to start their adult life in a nature reserve in West Germany in order to learn to hunt on their own. They will then be set free and, all being well, go forth and multiply. (Dad photo)

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ROUNDUP

St. Louis' Forsch pitches no-hitter with little bit of help from scorer

NEW YORK, April 17 (AP). — St. Louis right-hander Bob Forsch, with the help of a questionable call by the official scorer, pitched the major league's first no-hitter of 1978 with a 5-0 decision over the Philadelphia Phillies yesterday.

Forsch's no-hitter was maintained in the eighth inning with the aid of a controversial call by Neal Russo, the official scorer who works for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Garry Maddox, the Phillies' leadoff hitter in the eighth, drilled a ground ball past St. Louis third baseman Ken Reitz into left field, apparently breaking up the no-hitter. There were groans in the audience of 11,495 at Busch Stadium, but these quickly turned to cheers when Russo called an error on the cardinal third baseman.

The 28-year-old Forsch gave up two walks and struck out three in his fine performance. Up until Reitz' error in the eighth, there was nothing resembling a hit against the rangy right-hander, although Forsch was tagged for three long drives to centre by Mike Schmidt in the first, third and seventh innings.

The no-hitter was the first in the National League since Sept. 29, 1976, when San Francisco's John Montefusco pitched one against the Atlanta Braves.

In other National League action, the Los Angeles Dodgers whipped the Atlanta Braves 8-0 as Rick Rhoden spun a seven-bitter and drove home a run.

Willie McCovey's three-run homer in the first inning triggered the San Francisco Giants to an 8-4 victory over the San Diego Padres. It was the 40-year-old McCovey's second

homer of the season and 495th of his career.

Ivan DeJesus smashed a single and two doubles and Greg Gross knocked in two runs with a pair of doubles to lead Rick Reuschel and the Chicago Cubs to a 5-1 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Left-hander Ross Grimsley tossed a four-hitter and got solo home runs from Dave Cash and Andre Dawson as the Montreal Expos downed the New York Mets 4-1.

Enos Cabell's RBI single in the 13th inning led the Houston Astros to a 4-3 victory over the Cincinnati Reds. Cabell's line drive single to left field scored Jimmy Sexton from second base to break a 3-3 tie that existed from the ninth inning.

In the American League, Don Baylor opened the 11th inning with an infield hit and scored on an error by Oakland second baseman Steve Scahgs as the California Angels nipped the A's 2-1.

Dick Tidrow and Sparky Lyle handcuffed Chicago on five hits, pitching the New York Yankees to a 3-0 victory over the Chicago White Sox. Jason Thompson's two-out single in the seventh inning scored Ron Leffore from third base as the Detroit Tigers edged the Toronto Blue Jays 4-3.

Butch Hobson singled across the tie-breaking run in the sixth inning as the Boston Red Sox completed a three-game sweep of the Texas Rangers with an 8-6 victory. Frank White's bases-loaded bunt scored Amos Otis in the seventh inning and led the streaking Kansas City Royals past the Cleveland Indians for their 10th straight triumph.

The Baltimore Orioles scored a 7-5 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers in the first game of a double-header. The Brewers came back to take the nightcap 9-2. The Seattle Mariners beat the Minnesota Twins 8-5 in the opener and took the nightcap 7-2.

Baseball results and standings after Sunday's games:

NATIONAL LEAGUE:

East:	W	L	PCT.	GB
Philadelphia	4	3	.571	—
St. Louis	5	4	.556	—
Chicago	5	4	.556	—
New York	5	5	.500	1/2
Montreal	4	4	.500	1/2
Pittsburgh	3	6	.333	2

West:	W	L	PCT.	GB
Los Angeles	6	2	.750	—
Cincinnati	7	3	.700	—
San Francisco	5	3	.625	1
Houston	4	6	.400	3
San Diego	2	5	.286	3 1/2
Atlanta	1	6	.143	4 1/2

Sunday's games:
Montreal 4, New York 1
Chicago 5, Pittsburgh 1
St. Louis 5, Philadelphia 0
Houston 4, Cincinnati 3, 13 innings
Los Angeles 8, Atlanta 0
San Francisco 8, San Diego 4

AMERICAN LEAGUE:

East:	W	L	PCT.	GB
Detroit	6	2	.750	—
Milwaukee	6	3	.667	1/2
Boston	5	3	.625	1
New York	4	4	.500	2
Baltimore	3	6	.333	3 1/2
Cleveland	2	5	.286	3 1/2
Toronto	2	6	.250	4

West:	W	L	PCT.	GB
Kansas City	6	1	.857	—
California	6	3	.667	1
Oakland	6	3	.667	1
Chicago	6	4	.600	2 1/2
Minnesota	6	7	.462	3
Seattle	6	9	.400	5
Texas	2	6	.250	4 1/2

Sunday's games:
Seattle 8-7, Minnesota 5-2
Baltimore 7-2, Milwaukee 5-9
Detroit 4, Toronto 3
New York 3, Chicago 0
Boston 8, Texas 6
Kansas City 2, Cleveland 1
California 2, Oakland 1, 11 innings

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES LONDON MARKET REPORT

LONDON, (R). — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies against the dollar at the close of interbank trading on the London foreign exchange market last night. Tourist rates will differ from those quoted below.

One sterling	1.8512/22	U.S. dollars
One dollar	2.0420/30	West German marks
	2.1820/40	Dutch guilders
	1.8970/9000	Swiss francs
	31.78/81	Belgian francs
	4.5800/50	French francs
	857.25/75	Italian lire
	220.30/40	Japanese yen
	4.5970/85	Swedish crowns
	5.3600/20	Norwegian crowns
	5.6055/80	Danish crowns

Government bonds firmed on technical considerations Monday while equities showed small net gains, dealers said. At 15:00 hrs. the F.T. index was down one point at 446.4.

Government bonds closed up to 3/8 higher after initial easing, but dealers said investor demand was small reflecting continued concern over the weakness of sterling and fears of a further rise in British short term interest rates.

Equities pared opening falls following the rally in the bond market. Gold shares lost up to 1-5/8 dms in line with the sharp fall in the bullion price while U.S. and Canadian shares advanced.

Price of gold closed in London Monday at \$175.10/oz.

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Would Shakespeare have been a tax exile?

Famous writers and artists are fleeing Great Britain for their financial health

By Colleen Toomey
of the Financial Times

LONDON (F.T.) — "If I stand in the street and a man picks my pocket, I consider it an immoral act. I wouldn't mind the British government taking 50 per cent of my income if only they would leave me the other half. But I do resent having to pay income tax at 83 per cent. It's exactly the same as having your pocket picked."

So says Desmond Bagley, one of the world's highest-earning thriller writers, who recently packed his bags and left the U.K. together with his wife, Joan. Most writers find it hard to earn enough to travel by public transport at home, but Mr. Bagley has upped and flown into tax exile. He won't say how much he earns a year, but it was reported some time back that he was making more than £50,000.

Anyone in the U.K. who

earns more than £20,000 annually is liable to be tax exile material. When homesickness finally draws some of them back to residence in the mother country they have to pay their tax arrears, but many of them are lost forever as far as the U.K. government treasury is concerned. Switzerland, the West Indies and Ireland are some of the countries where they prefer to live. Others prefer to pay U.S. taxes, which are also far less swinging.

Mr. Bagley and his wife settled on Guernsey two years ago, after twelve years residence in the U.K. "I waited for so long before leaving because I liked living in England. My accountant had been trying to talk me into exile for five years. I pay a 20 per cent tax rate here on Guernsey and I own four companies." He also owns homes in South Africa, Devon, and the huge place on Guernsey where he now lives.

Later this year Mr. Bagley's

Many famous writers and artists are fleeing Great Britain for tax reasons. The famous thriller-writer Desmond Bagley, though he regrets leaving home, has gone to live in the Channel Islands for his financial health.

twelfth thriller Flyaway will be published in hard-back by Collins and in paperback by Fontana. The book is set in the Sahara Desert and though it is the twelfth to hit the streets in fifteen years, it is by no means the twelfth to have been written.

Words do not trickle smoothly from the keys of his typewriter and Mr. Bagley claims to suffer from "writers' block".

A pile of brown envelopes lie patiently, locked up in a cabinet. Below each book title Mr. Bagley has scrawled: "First attempt", "second attempt". For every book pub-

lished, three or four have gone into storage -- some never to be seen again.

Home computer

During his frustrating and frequent periods of inactivity Mr. Bagley wanders across his study to the £7,000 computer he bought several years ago to assist with the process of editing. The only problem was the computer didn't have the capacity to store a full novel -- necessary for any correction work.

So, putting his mathematical mind to work, Mr. Bagley programmed the computer to

tot up the serial rights in any one of the 22 languages his books are published.

It has other practical programmes too, but Mr. Bagley has also "taught" it to play games with him and to type out a pretty good likeness of a sexy woman.

This small, quiet, devil-eyed man is 54 years old and reckons he's still got a "fly paper" memory. A meticulous researcher, he reads a book a day, takes 20 magazines and watches carefully selected television programmes.

He never takes notes -- not even when travelling abroad in search of material for his books; he prefers taking photographs instead. "They say a picture paints a thousand words. If I take one hundred photographs I have a novel."

Rags to riches

Mr. Bagley's troublesome riches are quite a different sto-

ry from his days as a freelance journalist in South Africa where he arrived from the U.K. after World War II. In South Africa he was penniless -- and always took notes. "I wasn't until Joan said, 'Why don't you write the book you're always talking about?' that he promised he would give up journalism and write not one book -- but ten. His tenth thriller, Snow Tiger, set in New Zealand, topped the Sunday Times best seller list.

Fifteen years have passed since that first book, Golden Keel. From a seedy bed-sitter in South Africa to a luxurious home in tax exile.

The change of circumstance and environment have had little effect on Mr. Bagley's work. After all, he says, "Being a writer is like being a grave digger. The job is best done alone."

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New legislation providing worker representation on company boards puts end to West German labour calm

By Norris Willatt

COLOGNE (F.T.) — What has suddenly gone wrong with Germany's famed labour relations? First the printing industry trade union recently called a strike, which the employers answered with a lock-out. The country was deprived of its newspapers for several weeks before the dispute was settled. Now it is the turn of the metal working union, with a large section of the country's metal and machinery industry idle, including car factories.

Industrial disputes of this type and on this scale haven't been heard of in West Germany for a generation. The country has had a much-quoted "impressive" and enviable history of industrial harmony; any differences of view have been settled by negotiation, or, if that failed, by arbitration. German employers were praised for their reasonableness, German trade unions for their sense of responsibility.

To find the root cause of the present troubles it is necessary to go back nearly two years to July 1, 1976, when new legislation came into force increasing the participation of worker representatives on company boards of management. Since that date, relations between employers and the trade unions haven't been the same; the old dynamic trust and willingness to cooperate for mutual benefit have been undermined. The final deadline for awarding workers 50 per cent of all seats on the management boards of 650 larger West German companies is on June 30, 1978. As the day approaches tension mounts.

The current disputes have their specific causes. In the case of the print workers, the motive for a strike was the introduction of new technology leading to cuts in the labour force; they returned to work after getting guarantees of job protection. In the metal working in-

Forty-three years of post-war labour calm have been ended by the introduction of legislation to provide for worker representation on company boards. Two recent stoppages can be traced directly to this legislation.

dustry, the conflict is over wages. The union wants an eight per cent pay increase (since scaled down to five per cent), and the employers say they can only afford 3.5 per cent (since raised to four per cent).

But the details of the disputes are less significant than the fact that they have broken out. One cannot be sure, but before July 1, 1976, it seems likely that they would have been resolved without work stoppages. Since then, both the employers have been obliged to face up to the implications of the new law of *mitbestimmung*, or worker participation (also known as co-determination), and neither side is happy about them.

The employers have been sufficiently aroused to present a brief to the Constitutional Court in Karlsruhe challenging the legislation which, they claim, threatens the constitutional guarantees of shareholder property rights.

The initiative was taken by the West German Employers' Federation with its headquarters in Cologne, in association with a number of big name companies including Daimler-Benz, Bayer, Hoechst and Robert Bosch.

In retaliation for what it considers to be a hostile move by the employers, the West German Trade Union Federation has withdrawn, for the time being, from the tripartite commission on which repres-

entatives of the unions, the employers and the government meet regularly to discuss the economic situation, to promote cooperation for the benefit of the economy as a whole, and to discuss any problems arising between them.

The unions now say that in their dealings with employers they have been too submissive in the past. It is now high time to adjust their policy accordingly. The outbreak of strikes this spring is an indication of a new and tougher attitude towards collective bargaining.

British pattern

The new law, which has destroyed the previous harmony and goodwill, propounds no new principle. Co-determination has been practised in West Germany for the past 25 years; ironically, it was the British Occupation Force that set the pattern when it occupied the Ruhr coal and steel region after the Second World War.

The British authorities decreed that half of all the seats on the boards of West German coal, iron and steel enterprises should be awarded to representatives of the workers; and that a neutral chairman should preside over gatherings in which the shareholders should equally be represented.

In 1952, the West Germans extended this same principle to all the larger West German industrial companies with the modification that in industries other than coal, iron and steel workers should get only one third of the board seats. This formula still applies, under the 1976 legislation, to companies with fewer than 2,000 employees.

Above this figure the workers will get half the seats on boards varying in size from 12 to 20 depending on the total number of people on the payroll. A minority of worker seats will be reserved for trade union representatives from outside the firm. The rest will be occupied by employees of the concern.

The boards concerned are the supervisory boards, the supreme decision making bodies whose responsibilities include approving the annual financial statement and major investment outlays. The supervisory boards also appoint the

executive boards which run the companies on a practical basis.

Controversy raised

Although the legislation was backed in principle by all political parties in Germany, it aroused considerable controversy throughout two years of parliamentary debate. It ended up in a compromise form which satisfied neither the employers nor the workers who now are obliged to live with it.

The trade unions claim, for example, that this new version of *mitbestimmung* doesn't provide the parity of representation which it appears to. One basis for their complaint is that should the shareholders and workers' representatives split down the middle on any issue, the chairman will have a second, deciding vote. They claim also that the chairman is likely to represent the viewpoint of the shareholders. If a board can't agree by a two thirds majority on the choice of its chairman and vice chairman, the legislation provides that the shareholder representatives will have the right to appoint the former and the worker representatives the latter.

On the other hand, the employers claim that the legislation gives too much power to the workers and the trade unions. They fear that representatives of the latter on the board could block decision involving the disposal of property. This is the matter which they have taken to the Constitutional Court.

The employers also protest that giving the workers parity and admitting outside trade union representatives will slow down the decision-making process. Confrontations will be encouraged between the representatives of respective interests, with a resulting diminution of effective management and operational efficiency. With this underlying friction as a constant irritant, the deterioration of industrial relations in West Germany in the recent past becomes more understandable. It could well be that these first conflicts may not be the last to ruffle the long-standing calm of the West German labour scene.

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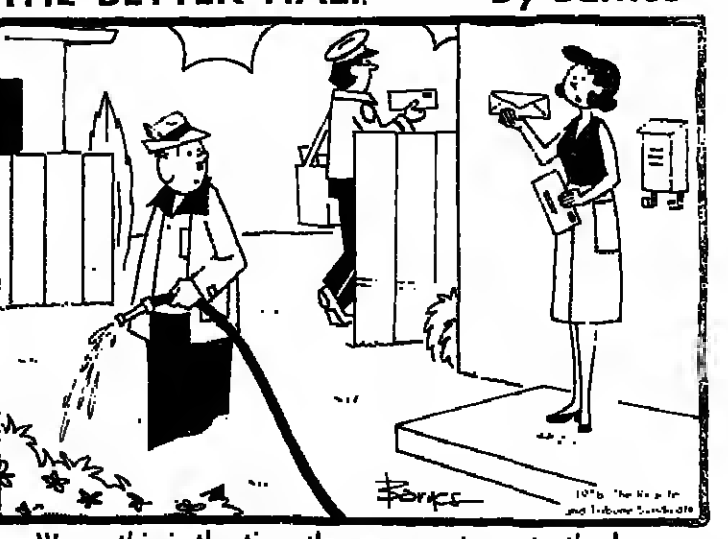
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THE BETTER HALF

By Barnes



"I see this is the time the green returns to the lawn, trees and Internal Revenue Service."

Somalia will support guerrillas despite Ethiopian threat

NAIROBI, April 17 (R). — The Somali Embassy said today its country would continue to support guerrillas fighting in the Ogaden in defiance of an Ethiopian warning that such support could provoke an attack on Somalia. "Somalia, as a matter of principle, supports and will support any liberation movement fighting for its rights to self-determination," Charge d'Affaires Dahir Hussein Dirir told a press conference.

Asked whether this support extended to weapons, he said: "We give moral and material support."

The guerrillas say they have increased their attacks on Ethiopian and Cuban soldiers in the last two weeks.

Ethiopia's Ambassador to Kenya, Mengiste Desalegn, said last week his country would take the war into Somali ter-

ritory unless Mogadishu ceased supporting the guerrillas.

Mr. Dahir declared today: "Somalia is quite capable of defending itself, and anyone who tries any aggression on its sovereignty and territorial integrity will be taught an unforgettable lesson."

Meanwhile, Somali guerrillas claim to have stepped up attacks in the mountains and se-

mi-desert plain of south and east Ethiopia in the aftermath of Ethiopia's victory in the Ogaden war.

Guerrilla bulletins during the past seven days report more than 1,250 Cuban and Ethiopian soldiers killed in the hit-and-run assaults.

Somalia has pledged to continue backing the guerrilla movements -- the Western Somalia Liberation Front (WSLF) and the Somali Abo Liberation Front (SALF) -- despite the hurried retreat of Somali regular troops from the conventional war at the beginning of March.

Carter huddles with aides to puzzle out popularity problems

WASHINGTON, April 17 (R). — Jimmy Carter's cabinet and aides gathered at his Camp David retreat yesterday, summoned to a conference to puzzle out why fewer than half the American people now think he has made a good president.

The unusual exercise in introspection follows an opinion poll which rated Mr. Carter's popularity down to 46 per cent -- lowest rating for any recent president, after 14 months in the White House, except Gerald Ford.

So the two-day Camp David summit of the men who run the Carter administration will take a hard look at its performance and apparent lack of clear, long-range goals.

Indication, the falling value of the dollar and such issues as Mr. Carter's decision to defer making the neutron bomb, are all presumably due for analysis.

The press has cited the neutron bomb in articles accusing the Carter administration of being indecisive.

One cartoon portrayed him as "the Cartoon Bomb" -- it knocks down supporters and leaves opponents standing.

Mr. Carter has tackled inflation, his chief domestic worry, but has to rely on voluntary constraint by business and workers to stop price rises.

The dollar's fall on world money markets is partly blamed on his failure to get energy-saving measures through Congress.

Mr. Carter has staked prestige on two treaties to end U.S. control of the Panama Canal by the year 2000. But one scraped through the Senate only by one vote and prospects of the other being ratified when it comes up tomorrow are uncertain.

White House sources confirmed reports that the Camp David conference would also try to clear the lines of communication between the White House and the departments presided over by the cabinet.

"It is fair to say that there have been problems on both sides," one informant said yesterday. "We can't expect the departments to carry out White House goals if we don't spell out those long range goals."

To correct this, the president wants to centralise in the White House the process of policy-making, which has often given the appearance of resting totally in the hands of the various cabinet members.

In some cases, the cabinet members have formulated their own legislative policies and merely presented their decisions to the president without any liaison with other senior White House aides.

Some of these decisions have appeared to be at odds with White House pronouncements and have served to add to the growing public image of a confused and ineffectual administration.

A shakeup of middle-level White House staffers was also scheduled to be discussed at Camp David.

While Mr. Carter's "Georgian Guard" of senior aides, who have been with him since his presidential campaign, is expected to remain intact, political adviser Hamilton Jordan has already begun to prune the middle level of some 600 aides.

India confirms loss of U.S. nuclear-powered spy device

NEW DELHI, April 17 (R). — India said today it cooperated with the United States in the 1960s to plant nuclear-powered sensors in the Himalayas, to spy on China, and confirmed that one has been lost high in the snows of Mount Nanda Devi.

Prime Minister Morarji Desai told parliament that two of the electronic sensing devices had been carried into the mountains "to secure information about missile developments" -- clearly China's but he did not name that country.

One device was carried off by an avalanche and lost on 7,816-metre Nanda Devi in 1965. The second was returned to America in 1968 a year after being planted on another peak near China's frontier.

Mr. Desai said there was no cause for alarm that radioactivity from the lost sensor would pollute the sacred Ganges, which rises nearby.

The prime minister said that India's then Congress Party government, under Lal Bahadur Shastri and then Mrs. Indira Gandhi, decided on the operation "in the interests of the nation."

India and China fought a border war in the Himalayas in 1962.

Mr. Desai, who was Deputy Premier under Mrs. Gandhi, said the operation was not a clandestine U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) job.

The statement to parliament today followed an article breaching the news about the missing plutonium-powered spy device in America's Outside magazine last week.

Relations between India and China have improved in recent months after a long period of hostility and suspicion, and External Affairs Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee has been invited to visit Peking.

There was no immediate official comment on how these relations might be affected by disclosure of India's role in approving the spy device.

Mr. Desai said the operations to set up the remote sensing equipment, powered by one to one-and-a-half kg. of plutonium-238, were carried out mostly by Indian personnel, some of whom had been trained in the United States.

His statement itself made no reference to any role by the CIA.

But he said in reply to questions: "There is no need to bring in the CIA. It was our government which decided and did it in the interests of the nation."

A spokesman for the U.S. Embassy here said it would have no comment on the CIA's alleged role. "We never comment on alleged intelligence activities," he added.

Mr. Desai said the Indian and U.S. governments had decided at the highest level in 1964 to install spy equipment "in the light of the international situation prevailing at that time and scientific developments which were taking place both far and near."

It was to be installed in 1966 near the highest point of Nanda Devi "with the object of securing information about missile developments." But the Indo-American mountaineering team carrying the equipment was caught in a blizzard and abandoned the nuclear power pack. No attempt was made to retrieve it until May, 1968, when it was discovered that a big avalanche had buried it.

Rebel ambush kills 43 in south Philippines

MANILA, April 17 (R). — Moslem rebels fighting the Filipino government have killed 43 soldiers and civilians in a bus ambush in the south of the country, the Defence Department said today.

The attack, one of the worst in a six-year guerrilla campaign waged by Moslem separatists, happened on Thursday.

The bus was sprayed with gunfire at Upi, 920 kms. south of Manila on Mindanao Island.

The Defence Department said at least 13 soldiers and 30 labourers they were escorting were killed.

Two rebels also died and three were injured.

A theoretical ceasefire has been in force since December 1976 between the Manila government and rebels of the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) which is seeking autonomy for the southern Moslem minority in the mainly-Christian Philippines. But attempts to negotiate a settlement collapsed last year and violence has increased since last October.

Four killed in Saudi oil explosion

DEHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia, April 17 (R). — Four workers were killed in an explosion and fire at one of Saudi Arabia's major oil installations, the Arab American Oil Company (ARAMCO) said last night.

But there was no disruption of the oil flow as the Abaqiq installation about 40 kms. southwest of the oil city of Dhahran.

ARAMCO said the dead were three Saudis and a Pakistani.

It said the blast, early on Saturday, virtually destroyed one of three plants supplying gas to the towns of Dammam and Al Khubar near Dhahran.

ARAMCO said the explosion occurred after a leak was detected in an overhead pipe at the plant, which separates gas from oil.

The gas caught fire before workers could plug the leak, the oil company said in a statement.

ARAMCO, which is Saudi Arabia's major oil producer with a daily output averaging some eight million barrels, added: "The mishap will have no effect on ARAMCO's production of crude."

Last year an explosion and fire at Abaqiq seriously affected Saudi oil exports.

Oil industry sources believed the blast last year was caused by sabotage and no official explanation was ever given.

Series of 40 tremors shake Sicily; strong quake hits Yugoslavia

PALERMO, Sicily, April 17 (R). — About 40 earth tremors and aftershocks struck Sicily in less than 36 hours over the weekend, causing hundreds of thousands of frightened islanders to spend last night in the streets, police said today.

Four elderly people died of heart attacks and a fifth was killed by a passing car as he ran into a street during one of the tremors, police said.

They added that about 900 people in several villages between the eastern city of Messina and Palermo were left homeless.

Among buildings which would have to be pulled down because of quake damage was the 13th century Cathedral of Patti, local government officials said. Its roof, two apses and marble mosaic floors were badly cracked they said.

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Tornado kills 200 in India

NEW DELHI, April 17 (R). — About 200 people were feared killed when a tornado ripped through India's eastern state of Orissa yesterday and demolished nearly 700 houses, the Indian News Agency reported.

The agency said 50 bodies had been recovered so far and rescue workers had rushed to the devastated area.

But only two doctors were on hand to treat more than 250 injured people at one hospital after the tornado cut a ten-minute swath through the Keonjhar district some 160 kms. north of the state capital Bhubaneswar.

Indian riots leave 150 deaths

NEW DELHI, April 17 (R). — An Indian newspaper quoted workers and teachers as saying at least 150 people were killed when police fired at rioting farm workers last Thursday. The Hindustan Times yesterday said this was the toll of the violence at Pantnagar Agricultural University in the State of Uttar Pradesh, 320 kms. northeast of New Delhi.

But a state government spokesman on Saturday put the death toll at 13 after two more workers died in hospital.

A 10-second sniff of a nasal spray may help stop the baby boom in Asia and elsewhere

By Arun Kumar

NEW DELHI, (WFS). — A ten-second sniff of a nasal spray may soon be helping to halt the baby boom in Asia and elsewhere. The man behind this revolutionary concept of birth control is Dr. T.C. Anand Kumar, 42, Associate Professor in the Anatomy Department of the All-India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi.

Dr. Kumar says that the nasal contraceptive is not only more convenient but also free from side effects. Toxicologically, it is safer than birth control pills and other contraceptives.

In an exclusive interview, Dr. Kumar disclosed that the World Health Organisation is coordinating trials being carried out on female volunteers in Australia, Korea, Sweden, Berlin, Mexico and London, where studies just completed have produced no side effects on the women taking part.

Dr. Kumar said that according to present estimates, the nasal contraceptive will cost not more than \$5 per annual usage per person.

Brain's role

Dr. Kumar explained that the rationale behind the research is the knowledge accumulated by past studies that the brain plays an important role in integrating the func-

A revolutionary new form of contraceptive administered by means of a nasal spray instead of the pill holds out the promise of not only a more efficient method of population control but also a way of avoiding the side effects sometimes associated with conventional methods of contraception.

ions of various glands such as the pituitary, adrenals and sex glands (ovary and testis). The pituitary located in the brain, controls the production of the oestrogen and progesterone sex hormones produced in the ovary through its own luteinising hormone (LH) and follicle stimulating hormone (FSH), which act upon the ovary and cause ovulation or egg production.

The sex hormones like oestrogen and progesterone can control the production of LH and FSH by acting over the pituitary through the hormone levels in blood and cerebro-spinal fluid (CSF). This control mechanism is called "feedback inhibition" because high levels of the sex hormones will stop the pituitary from producing LH and FSH which, in turn, cause a shut-off of the sex hormones.

The "feed-back inhibition" can be artificially made, and this method of contraception is the basis of the various birth control pills and injections already in use.

According to Dr. Kumar, if means could be found to administer sex hormones locally in the pituitary then the effect would be the same, but with greater certainty and less side effects.

Nasal spray

Dr. Anand Kumar says that this can be done by spraying the hormones on the roof of the nose, which is in close opposition to the pituitary, being separated by a thin membrane, called the cribriform plate.

The method was proved first on monkeys, and the next step was to test its efficacy on humans, hence the research going on in the six countries mentioned. As the initial trials were done only with female monkeys the next line of study is to see if steroids, thus administered, can block spermatogenesis in the male.

The intra-nasal route of drug delivery has opened out new vistas in therapeutics. The new technique offers a

route to administer drugs directly through the brain, bypassing the peripheral circulation.

In several cases drugs are required in the brain but cannot be administered by systemic routes because the drugs either do not cross the blood-brain barrier or they are degraded or metabolically cleared in the peripheral circulation.

Dr. Kumar says: "There are certain specific proteins which affect behaviour. Now the proteins can be given by the nasal route to reach in sufficiently high concentration the brain and they can bring about the desired effect."

According to him, the intra-nasal route can be a more effective way to administer vaccines as compared to conventional routes which can take a long time to get into circulation.

Dr. Kumar's team is doing a number of studies in these areas: For example, in meningitis, an infection of the brain tissues. Local administration of antibiotics directly to the brain now seems a near-possibility by this technique to fight germs in the brain.

A produce of Mysore University, Bangalore, Dr. Kumar has 51 publications to his credit. He did post-doctoral research at the University of Birmingham (1964-68) and is a happily married father of a son and a daughter.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
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Both vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠ K 4
♥ A K 6
♦ A 8 2
♣ K 7 6 4 3

WEST
♠ 6 2
♥ 10 9 3
♦ J 9 6
♣ A J 10 9 2

EAST
♠ A 7 5
♥ Q J 7 6 4
♦ Q 10 5 3
♣ Q

SOUTH
♠ Q J 10 9 8 3
♥ 5 2
♦ K 7 4
♣ 8 5

The bidding:
North East South West
1NT Pass 4♦ Pass
Pass Pass
Opening lead: Ten of ♣.

West indulged in a mild bit of deception to defeat South's four spade contract on this deal. However, declarer had only himself to blame for going down.

With stoppers in all suits, North had an ideal one no trump opening, despite the fact that he held a five-card suit. Even if the five-card suit had been a major, one no trump would have been correct, for the hand is balanced and that is the most descriptive bid. South simply did what he expected to make.

West attacked with the ten of hearts, won in dummy. The king of spades was led from dummy, and East flew up with the ace to return the queen of clubs. It was obvious to West that this was a singleton, so after he won the ace he made a shrewd return—the ten of clubs. His idea was to lull declarer into thinking that East had led from the queen-jack of the suit. Declarer fell hook, line and sinker. He rose with the king, and East's ruff spelled defeat, for declarer had no way to avoid a diamond loser.

Declarer was unlucky to encounter a 5-1 club split, and West is to be congratulated for his cleverness. But boiling in oil might be a just fate for declarer for going down in a cast-iron contract.

South can afford to lose three tricks—the ace of trumps and two in the minor suits. He shouldn't care whether it was one trick in each minor or two in clubs. Declarer should simply play low on West's club return, preserving the king for later use.

It makes no difference whether East follows to this trick or not. Declarer can ruff the next club, draw trumps, and later use the king of clubs profitably to dispose of his losing diamond, thus making his game.

JUMBLE. THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

PYKER
ROHAB
DACROW
DOLIBY



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here: "O O O O"

Send to: Jumbles: BOUND EMBER INFORM QUENCH
Answer: He called her Sugar because he thought she was this—SO "REFINED"

THE Daily Crossword

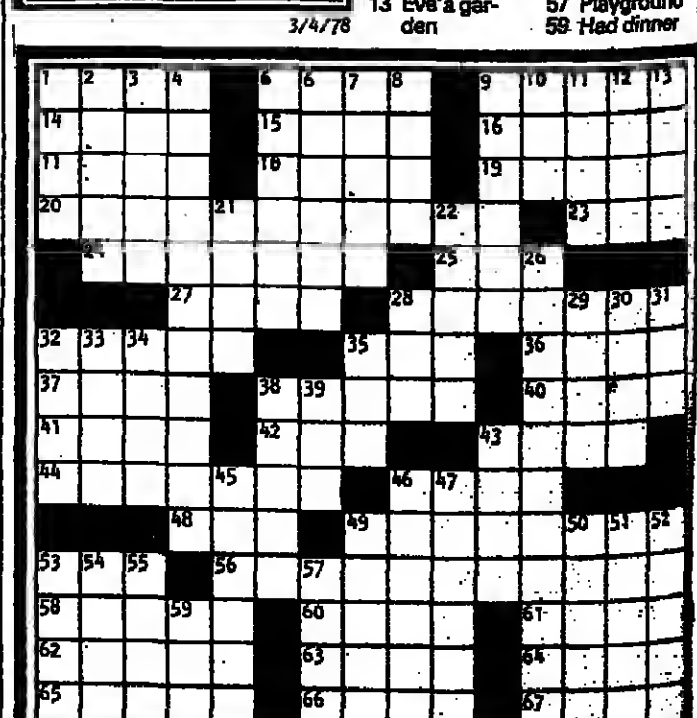
by Sophie Fierman

ACROSS
1 Dundee denizen
5 Picnic intruders
9 Speedily
14 Robe of office
15 Weary
16 Shaved
17 Scandinavian name
18 Last word of a prayer
19 Self-esteem
20 Try, try again
23 Playroom
24 Sows anew
25 Word of cheer

DOWN
27 No ifs, — or buts
28 Taxes
32 High in the air
35 However
36 Ripped
37 Actual
38 By and — (generally)
40 Noticed
41 Out of this world
42 Fuss
43 Flower
44 Agrees
46 Blood carrier
48 Dakota people

SEVEN
49 Severe critic
53 Tarzan's friend
56 Give it a last chance
58 Jeweler's weight
60 On a cruise
61 Lancaster of films
62 Overdone
63 Hwys.
64 River to the Elbe
65 Fine horse
66 Ba breve
67 Renovate

DOWN
21 Landlord's source of income
22 Hot under the collar
26 Wins a lottery
28 Pull hard
29 Enemies
30 Liberate
31 Japanese coin
32 Vicinity
33 Shattered places
34 Paddies
35 Family member
36 Kidnapper
38 Afterward
39 Paid no taxes
43 Holding device
45 Captured arch
46 Thin layer
47 Cover completely
49 — Rica
50 Cosmetic
51 Used poor judgment
52 Kind of rocket
53 Works on the stage
54 Separate
55 Indian
57 Playground
58 Had dinner



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